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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POLISH/GERMAN AGREEMENTS

REF: WARSAW 983

1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT BUNDESRAT MIGHT REJECT PENSION AGREEMENT WITH POLAND AND ABOUT RESULTANT SETBACK TO PROGRESS OF DETENTE IN CENTRAL EUROPE. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS TO HELP CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT SECURE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION WITHOUT APPEARING TO TAKE SIDES IN A SENSITIVE INTERNAL DEBATE IN FRG.

2. ALTHOUGH PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE OF AGREEMENTS ARE UNCERTAIN AT BEST, OUR READING OF SITUATION DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT OF FRG AMBASSADOR IN WARSAW. WE BELIEVE THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE TIMING AND OUTCOME OF FINAL VOTE IN BUNDESRAT REMAIN UNPREDICTABLE. WHILE THERE IS CERTAINLY REASON TO BE CONCERNED, WE DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH
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YOUR FRG COLLEAGUE'S HIGHLY PESSIMISTIC APPRAISAL.

3. TOMORROW HAL SONNENFELDT WILL ADDRESS A CDU-SPONSORED
BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE IN EICHHOLZ NEAR BONN. WE ARE

STILL DISCUSSING WHAT HAL MAY BE ABLE TO DO AT EICHHOLZ
AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
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